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THE FOLLOWING REPLIES ON AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR DIPLOMATS
IN TURKEY APPEAR IN THE SAME SEQUENCE AS REFTEL QUESTIONS.

A. IN TURKEY, ALL AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED MUST HAVE, AS A MINIMUM,
INSURANCE CALLED TURKISH TRAFFIC INSURANCE.

B. THE MINIMUM COVERAGE ALLOWABLE FOR TURKISH TRAFFIC INSURANCE IS
US DOLLARS 285.71 PER PERSON BODILY INJURY; US DOLLARS 114.29 PROPERTY

DAMAGE, USDOLLARS 857.14 PER ACCIDENT. IN ORDER TO REGISTER A
DIPLOMAT'S CAR THIS TYPE OF INSURANCE IS MANDATORY. IF A CAR IS NOT
REGISTERED, THE POLICE WILL TAKE CUSTODY OF THE CAR.

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D. NOT APPLICABLE

E. ACCORDING TO TURKISH LAW, A PLAINTIFF MAY DIRECTLY
SUE THE INSURER. TURKEY IS NOT A PARTY TO THE GENEVA
CONVENTION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

F. INSURANCE COMPANY CANNOT DEFEND BY CLAIMING THAT

INSURED HAS VIOLATED A CONTRACT TERM.

G. NOT APPLICABLE

H. INSURANCE IS READILY AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN TURKEY FOR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. HOST GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN OBTAINING INSURANCE.

I. PREMIUM RATES ARE THE SAME FOR DIPLOMATS AND HOST COUNTRY CITIZENS.

J. INSURANCE CONTRACTS WRITTEN FOR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE THE SAME AS STANDARD CONTRACTS USED IN TURKEY.

K. NO, HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REQUIRE DIPLOMATS TO WAIVE IMMUNITY IN ADVANCE.

L. NO, THERE IS NO WAIVER.

M. IN RECENT YEARS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO NOTORIOUS CASES INVOLVING DIPLOMATS IN ACCIDENTS WHERE THE VICTIMS HAVE NOT RECEIVED ADEQUATE COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE MINIMAL AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED, THE POTENTIALITY
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FOR SUCH INCIDENTS DOES EXIST

N. AN INJURED PARTY CAN SUE AND RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNTS GIVEN IN ANSWER B. SECONDLY, IF THE INJURED PARTY BELONGS TO THE TURKISH SOCIAL INSURANCE ORGANIZATION, HE CAN ALSO RECEIVE BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF HOSPITAL COVERAGE AND SALARY, BUT THERE IS NO SEPARATE COMPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT FOR PERSONS INJURED BY DIPLOMATS.
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